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REMARKS

Applicants hereby cancel claims 12-14, without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claim 21 is directed to a particular aspect of Applicants' invention. The new claim adds no new matter.

The Office Action of July 13, 2005, sets forth a three-way restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (reflected by claims 1-11 and 15-17) for further immediate prosecution in the subject application. Applicants therefore withdraw "method" claims 18-20, but maintain these claims as pending in hopes that they may be subject to rejoinder upon allowance of related "composition claims."

The Office Action also requires what appears to be a requirement for selection of species defined by sequence and the ability to inhibit the activity of one of the proteases recited in claim 3 (see page 2 of the Office Action). Assuming this is correct, Applicants select an isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:4 that inhibits the activity of trypsin, for examination, in the event that generic subject matter is not held allowable. Applicants note that new claim 21 reads directly on this species, the other pending claims being generic.

Claims 1-11, 15-17, and 21 are pending and at issue. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Applicants respectfully submit that the elected claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this application and to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution and allowance of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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